



Patent Attorney's Docket No. <u>018775-765</u>

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Pate  | nt Application of  |                            |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Keisuke H   | IASHIMOTO et al.   | Group Art Unit: 2623       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Application | on No.: 09/408,366   | Examiner: Mehrdad Dastouri |  |  |  |  |  |
| Filed: Se   | ptember 29, 1999   | Confirmation No.: 3976     |  |  |  |  |  |
| For: IN     | MAGE-PROCESSING APPARATUS  | )<br>)                     |  |  |  |  |  |
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|             | AMENDMENT/REPLY TR   | Technology Center 2600     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Washingto   | Commissioner for Patents on, D.C. 20231  |                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sir:        |  |                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Encl        | osed is a reply for the above-identified pate  | ent application.           |  |  |  |  |  |
| [X]         | A Petition for Extension of Time is also   | enclosed.                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| []          | A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [ ] \$55.00 (2814) [ ] \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.  |                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| []          | Also enclosed is   | <b>.</b>                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| []          | Small entity status is hereby claimed.   |                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| []          | Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$370.00 (2801) [] \$740.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).  |                            |  |  |  |  |  |
|             | [ ] Applicant(s) previously submitted, on, for which continued examination is requested.   |                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| []          | Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. |                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| []          | A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.   |                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| []          | No additional claim fee is required.   |                            |  |  |  |  |  |

[X] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

|                           | No. OF<br>CLAIMS | HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA<br>CLAIMS | RATE               | ADDT'L<br>FEE |  |
|---------------------------|------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|--|
| Total Claims              | 20               | MINUS 20 =                                | 0               | × \$18.00 (1202) = |               |  |
| Independent Claims        | 4                | MINUS 3 =                                 | 1               | × \$84.00 (1201) = | \$84.00       |  |
| If Amendment adds mu      | ıltiple depend   | lent claims, add \$28                     | 30.00 (1203)    |                    |               |  |
| Total Amendment Fee       |                  |   |                 |                    |               |  |
| If small entity status is | claimed, sub     | tract 50% of Total                        | Amendment F     | Pee                |               |  |

| [X] | A claim fee | in the an | nount of \$_ | 84.00       | _ 1S 6 | enciosea. |
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| []  | Charge \$   |           | to Deposi    | t Account l | No. (  | 02-4800.  |

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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